



BUDGET DEEP-DIVE POTENTIAL MOTIONS JUNE & JULY 2017

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Budget Deep-Dive into the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment System

I move to:

1. Direct the Department of Human Services and Department of Health, with the Wasatch and Box Elder/Cache/Rich Local Substance Abuse Authorities (LSAAs), to explore moving from fee-for-service to a capitated payment for SUD treatment provided through Medicaid and to assess the potential associated costs or savings, and report the results to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA) by January 1, 2018.
2. Require LSAAs to provide greater expenditure detail in their financial reports to DSAMH, including whether personnel provide administrative or direct care functions, and direct the Department of Human Services to report to LFA on the status by September 1, 2018.
3. Monitor key performance measures of legislative interest before providing new funding and direct the Department of Human Services and other entities to discuss recent performance measure results in conjunction with any requests for new legislative funding, effective for the 2018 General Session.

Budget Deep-Dive into the Foster Care System

I move to request that the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) report on the status of each recommendation to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by January 1, 2018:

1. Request that DCFS improve data tracking in the following areas, in order to better assess system adequacy at matching children in custody with foster families and to more precisely target recruitment and retention efforts:
 - a. Identify and document the level of assessed need for each child in custody, even though actual placement may vary based on the needs of siblings in custody, geography, family availability, and other factors, as well as the actual placement and reasons for deviation; and
 - b. Identify and document the level of care that each foster family is qualified for, whether they are kinship or not, and whether they are available to take a placement, in a way that can be easily searched and compared to the assessed needs of children in custody.
2. Request that DCFS evaluate the proctor care system, including:
 - a. Determine whether private proctor care is cost-effective; and
 - b. Determine the extent to which children in custody are placed in proctor care due only to insufficient availability of lower level foster families.
3. Request that DCFS take the following actions related to Utah Foster Care (UFC):
 - a. Consider whether to increase the recruitment and retention targets, given that recruitment targets were lowered in the past but UFC has consistently exceeded them and that the target appears lower than the average rate of families exiting the system; and
 - b. Compare the employee compensation and overhead costs of UFC to those of DCFS and consider whether contracting for recruitment and retention services is cost-effective.

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4. Request that DCFS provide the following information related to their federal Social Security Title IV-E waiver, which is used to provide in-home services:
 - a. Provide their detailed budget plan for service continuity and maintaining the emphasis on in-home care when the waiver expires; and
 - b. Identify and project trends in eligibility among children in custody and describe their budget plan for managing the resulting budgetary impacts.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Budget Deep-Dive into Opioid Outreach Efforts

I move to:

1. Change the ongoing the \$250,000 ongoing General Fund beginning in FY 2019 for opioid abuse, misuse, and overdose prevention within the Department of Health's Disease Control and Prevention line item from the Health Promotion program to the Opiate Overdose Outreach Pilot Program. The pilot program has more specific statutory direction for how the funds are to be used.

DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES

Budget Deep-Dive into the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)

I move to:

1. Request that Workforce Services and Utah State University (USU) prepare and present an annual report to the Subcommittee on the execution of the Nutrition Education Contract. The report shall include an accounting of the funding provided, number or individuals served, when and where the training is provided, and the composition of the training.
2. Request that Workforce Services prepare and present an annual report to the Subcommittee providing details on the number of SNAP recipients in the State on a county by county basis. The county by county detail should also include the total dollar amount number and the number or recipient individuals and families.

Budget Deep-Dive into the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Budget

I move to:

1. Request that the Department of Workforce Services determine a target amount for the TANF Reserve that could reasonably cover DWS program operations in case of an economic recession and present these findings to the Subcommittee during the 2018 General Session.